## Supervisor Romaine and Councilman LaValle Oversee Demolition of Dilapidated House in Farmingville

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Farmingville, NY – On March 3, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Kevin LaValle (right) were on hand for the demolition of a dilapidated, condemned house at 66 Oakcrest Avenue in Farmingville. The house has been vacant for more than 10 years and the source of numerous community complaints and code violations. It was demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Abandoned and unmaintained properties like this one are a threat to the quality of life in the neighborhood and bring down the value of all the homes in the area. The Town has made great progress by demolishing many of these eyesores over the past year and we continue to target and remove more of them throughout the Town."

Councilman LaValle said, "This neighborhood has very well kept homes and it's a shame that the people here have lived with this eyesore for so many years. I am happy that we are finally able to take it down and I will continue to do everything I can to clean up more properties in my Council District."

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